

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Richmond, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

November 26, 2008 to December 17, 2008

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) proposes to provide mortgage insurance under the HUD Section 221(d)(4) program to Capmark Finance Incorporated for the renovation of the John Marshall Hotel into the John Marshall Residence apartments. The HUD program provides mortgage insurance for multifamily rental housing for moderate-income families. The John Marshall Hotel consist of a 15-story building originally constructed in 1929 with an addition in 1955. The 407,991 square foot building is situated on approximately 0.93-acres of land. The building would be converted into 232 residential dwelling units, commercial spaces and ballroom spaces. Project activities include interior and exterior renovations to the existing structure with no expansion of the existing footprint proposed.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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